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mentation an application services unit, discussed in more detail below, maintains a record of the current page being displayed for each of the applications being used in the conference which are being executed at the endpoint. Thus, by accessing this record, the present invention can readily 5 determine the entrent page selected.

The present invention also determines the position in the page which is selected. In one embodiment, the view synfirmization location is selected using a pointing device. The user selects a particular location for view 10 synchronization, such as by depressing and releasing a mouse button when the pointer is over the destred location. The present invention, based on the coordinates of the sciention, determines the location of that selection within the current page.

In one embodiment, the operating system of the endpoint maintains a record of each application being executed at the endpoint. This record includes a mapping of the display of the application on the display device to the physical memory locations which store the page. Thus, when a particular location of a document is selected, the present invention can readily determine, by sending a message to the operating system in a conventional manner, the location within the page which is selected.

Once the view synctronization location is determined, the local endpoint updates the viewed information to display the selected location, step 428. In one embodiment of the present invention, this updating is a centering process which centers the view synchronization location by determining an officer from the beginning of the page to the upper left-hand curser of the image being displayed when the selected location is displayed in the center of the display window. The present invention identifies a location within the page which should be in the upper left-hand corner of the display window in order for the selected view synchronization location to be in the center of the display window. The identification of this upper laft-hand council location is calculated in a conventional manner based on the selected view synchronization location and the size of the display window. Once the upper left-hand corner location is determined, an offict from the beginning of the page to the upper left-hand corner is determined in a conv manner based on the size of the page and the position of the location within the page. The present invention then sends a message to the operating system to change the display

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example, the image display may be adju synchronization location is displayed in corner of the display window, at the top window, or any other location within th

Once the viewed information is cent point then sends a message to the off system, step 425. This message include and a page location which indicate the vi location (that is, the selected point from

The local endpoint then checks wheth view synchronization confirmation mess endpoints in the conference, step 430. If endpoint continues to check, step 434. It that the local endpoint can continue pro and instructions while waiting to rece message(s). Once a view synchronizatio sage has been received from each of the the conference, the local endpoint pro that the view synchronization is comple

In an alternate embodiment of the pre-438 and 435 are not performed by the lo embodiment, the view synchronization par step 425; the local endpoint does not protect the user that the view synchronization plated.

in another alternate embodiment of the the centuring step 420 is optional embodiment, no adjustment of the vis made at the local endpoint For exa location may already be displayed by when the view synchronization location there is no need to center the viewed alternate embodiment because the desi being displayed

In another alternate embodiment, th includes a counter, timer, or similar mannitor the loop at susp 430 correspond heing received from all other endpoint ambodiment, if the counter expires ther mization at the local endpoint ends, byr tion (not shown) that the view sync eleted at all remote endocints. The tion can avoid the possibility of an infin

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TITLE: Method and apparatus for synchronizing viewed information in a conferencing environment

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (13):

The computer system 300 generally comprises a processor-memory bus or

communication means 301 for communicating information between one or more processors 302 and 303. Processor-memory bus 301 includes address, data and

control buses and is coupled to multiple devices or agents. Processors 302 and 303 may include a small, extremely fast internal cache memory (not shown), commonly referred to as a level one (L1) cache memory for temporarily storing data and instructions on-chip. In addition, a bigger, slower level two (L2) cache memory 304 can be coupled to processor 302 or processor 303 for temporarily storing data and instructions for use by the processor. In one embodiment, processors 302 and 303 are Intel.RTM. Architecture compatible microprocessors, such as i386.TM., i486.TM., or Pentium.RTM. processors. However, the present invention may utilize any type of microprocessor, including different types of processors.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (57):

Conference application layer 705 includes conference manager 725 and multiple applications 730. Conference manager 725 provides a conferencing interface to the user of the end point. In one embodiment, the conferencing interface is a graphical user interface (GUI). In one implementation, conference manager 725 includes options, such as through a menu, which allows the end point user to add or <u>delete</u> applications to the conference.

FIG. 5 is a flowchart showing the Details 👺 Text 💹 Image 🖺 HTML KWIC Z

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